Celebrating the Life of Karen Latrice Chiles

Sunrise: February 25, 1971 Sunset: January 22, 2015

Homegoing Service Held:
Friday, January 30, 2015, 11:00 AM

Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church
684 Juliga Woods Street
Richmond, CA 94804-4156
Reverend Dr. Alvin C. Bernstine, Officiating

Order of Service

Prelude.....

You Brought the Sunshine, The Clark Sisters

Processional.....The Family

Scripture Readings

Old Testament..... Minister

New Testament..... Minister

Invocation..... Reverend Merican Medler, Jr.

Praise in Song..... BMBC Music Ministry

Through It All

Expressions: (2 minutes please)..... Family and Friends

Acknowledgement of Cards/Condolences/Resolutions.....Mrs. Delores Hill

Obituary Reading.....Ms. Lacey Adams

Praise in Song.....Minister Camille Hudson

Medley of Praise

Tribute.....Pastor Alvin C. Bernstine

Parting View.....Whitted-Atkins Funeral Home

Turn on the Light, The Hartfield Family

Recessional..... Clergy, Pallbearers and Family

Interment

Rolling Hills Memorial Park

4100 Hilltop Drive • Birch Lawn

Richmond, California

Repast at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church

Burnett/Washington Fellowship Hall

Immediately following the committal service

Remembering Karen

Karen Latrice Chiles was born February 25, 1971 to Patricia Pruitt-Lewis and Lawrence Chiles in Berkeley, California.

She received Jesus Christ at the early age of 5 and was baptized at Bethlehem Missionary Baptist Church by the late Reverend Dr. Abraham Henry Newman. She rededicated her life to Christ on May 4, 2003.

Karen attended school in Albany and Berkeley, and obtained a High School Equivalency Certificate. She received additional education at Silicon Valley College and became a certified Electrocardiography Technician. She held several positions as a medical assistant and her last employment with Aetna Insurance in Fresno, California.

All who knew Karen will remember her love for family and friends, as a free spirit, open-hearted and fun loving person who enjoyed life. Karen took pride in her cooking and preparing meals for everyone she could. In every neighborhood she lived in she quickly became famous for her fried chicken, barbeque, enchiladas and gumbo. On any given day you could pull up to her street and find 3-4 neighborhood kids in and out of her home and referring to her as "Mama Karen."

She never passed judgment on anyone and had a very forgiving heart. Karen believed in protecting and defending people even if it meant it would cost her. She was truly the type of person to give a stranger the shirt off of her back. She was a loving, nurturing mother and would go to great lengths to accommodate her kids at any cost. Karen loved all of her family very much, blood related or otherwise and was everyone's biggest cheerleader. She always had kind words of encouragement when she spoke with you. She never forgot a birthday and would be sure to call and wish her loved ones a happy birthday before the day was over.

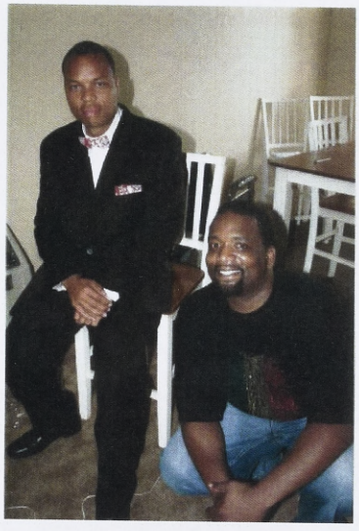
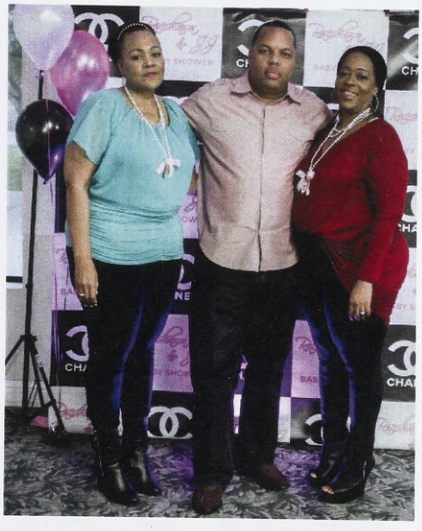
Our merciful Lord called Karen home on Thursday morning January 22, 2015 at the home of niece and nephew Jamesha Jenkins and James Jenkins in Fresno, California.

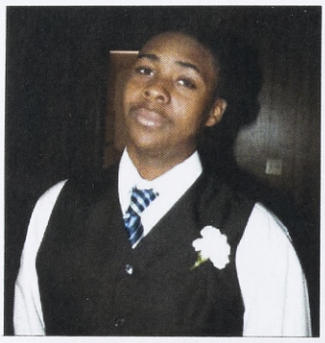
Karen was preceded in death by her father Lawrence Chiles, Sr.

Karen leaves to cherish her memory: three beautiful children Kiara C. Vaughn-Fuller (Cjon), Cordell T. Fields, Co'Ron E. Tate; one grandson King J. Fuller; Parents, Patricia and Simeon Lewis; Stepmother Karen Brown; twin brother Kevin X Chiles, brothers Kevin M. Lewis, Tony V. Lewis, Shon D. Lewis, Lawrence (Jack) Chiles, Jr., Aaron Lucas; sisters, Ophelia (Vette) Chiles, Rochaune D. Shepherd, Chanadia (Cha Cha) Chiles, Lizza S. Lewis; grandmother Naomi (MeMe) Pruitt; Aunts Deborah Pruitt, Eloise Tinzly, Cecile Chiles, Sheila Turner, Annie Shaffer, Tekela Carrigan; Uncles Elmo Chiles and Kenneth Pruitt.

Karen will also be missed by her very special friends, Rozzlyn Jackson and James Kees; by her special cousin, Clara Lynette Stephens; her loving nieces, nephews, cousins and several other family members; her many adopted daughters and sons; her Channing Way and Bonar Street families; and a host of numerous relatives and friends.

Precious Memories



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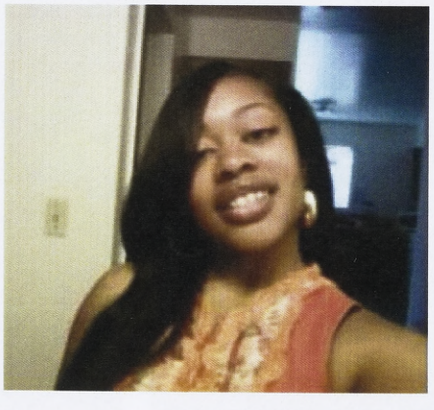

A Fallen Limb

A limb has fallen from the family tree.
I keep hearing a voice that says,
"Grieve not for me,"
Remember the best times,
The laughter, the songs,
The good life I lived while I was strong

Continue my heritage,
I'm counting on you.
Keep smiling and surely,
The sun will shine through.

My mind is at ease, my soul is at rest,
Remembering all how,
I was truly blessed.
Continue traditions,
No matter how small,
Go on with your life,
Don't just stare at the wall

I miss you all dearly,
So keep up your chin,
Until the day comes we're
TOGETHER AGAIN!

Active Pallbearers

Larelle Aldridge
Kevien Pruitt
James (JJ) Jenkins
Rickey Pruitt
Troy Price
Trinian Taylor

Honorary Pallbearers

Kevin X Chiles
Lawrence (Jack) Chiles
James Kees
Simeon Lewis, Jr
Artie Moore
Darryl Pruitt
Kenneth Pruitt
Thomas Pruitt
Touré Pruitt

Karen had a way of making family and friends feel that they were the SPECIAL ONE!
If that was you, you know who you are; and as Karen would say, "Well, Amen."

Acknowledgement

The Family of Karen Chiles wishes to express our sincere gratitude and appreciation for each lovely card, each comforting word, each visit, each lovely flower and each gracious prayer during this time of sorrow. Your kindness means far more than words can tell. May God Bless You All!

Arrangements Entrusted to:

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